

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



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In Re Application of: Franz-Xaver BERNHARD

Art Unit: 3723

Application No.: 10/639,468

Conf. No. 6109

Examiner: Lee D. WILSON

Filed: August 13, 2003

Washington, D.C.

For: A HOLDING MEANS FOR HOLDING TWO PARTS ON EACH OTHER

Atty.'s Docket: BERNHARD=3

Date: December 16, 2004

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
2011 South Clark Place, Mail Stop Amendment  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [ ] Amendment [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[ ] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	13	MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP.	3	MINUS	*** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$
x 100	\$
+ 180	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	
	\$

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 50	\$
x 200	\$
+ 360	\$
TOTAL	
	\$

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[ ] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

**Small Entity**

**Response Filed Within**

- [ ] First - \$ 60.00
- [ ] Second - \$ 225.00
- [ ] Third - \$ 510.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$ 795.00

**Month After Time Period Set**

**Other Than Small Entity**

**Response Filed Within**

- [ ] First - \$ 120.00
- [ ] Second - \$ 450.00
- [ ] Third - \$ 1020.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$ 1590.00

**Month After Time Period Set**

[ ] Less fees (\$ ) already paid for \_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.


[ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached (check no. ).

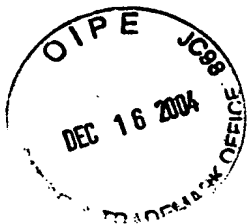
[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, please amend as follows:

**Amendment to the Abstract** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**A Replacement Abstract** is attached following page 10 of this paper.